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SUMMARY: THE EMBASSY CHANCERY WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF RADICAL JAPANESE YOUTH USING MOLOTOV COCKTAILS. NO SERIOUS INJURIES OR DAMAGE RESULTED. FONOFF HAS OFFICIALLY APOLOGIZED FOR INCIDENT. THIS MESSAGE CONFIRMS AND RFINES EARLIER REPORT REFTEL. END SUMMARY

1. A GROUP OF JAPANESE YOTH ATTACKED THE EMBASSY CHANCERY AT 1134 ON NOVEMBER 14 USING MOLOTOV COCKTAILS. THE WELL-PLANNED ATTACK APPARENTLY BEGAN FROM AN ASSEMBLY POINT IN THE OKURA HOTEL, DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE CHANCERY. ACCORDING TO POLICE REPORTS, TWO OF THE GROUP
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THREW MOLOTOV COCKTAILS FROM 13TH FLOOR HOTEL LEDGE

TOWARDS THE EMBASSY. MOST LANDED ON THE STREET AND SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY, BUT ONE LANDED ON THE EMBASSY ROOF WHERE IT CAUSED LITTLE DAMAGE. AFTER THESE BOMBS WERE THROWN, FIVE PERSONS CHARGED THE EMBASSY MAIN GATE. THEY ENTERED EMBASSY COMPOUND (MAXIMUM PENETRATION ABOUT THIRTY YARDS). WHERE THEY WERE ALL APPREHENDED AFTER THROWING THEIR BOMBS.

2. POLICE HAVE IDENTIFIED THOSE ARRESTED AS MEMBER OF THE MARUSEIDO, A RECENTLY ORGANIZED STUDENT RADICAL GROUP. AVAILABLE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS GROUP HAS BEEN SENT SEPTEL. POLICE BELIEVE THAT AT LEAST TWO INDIVIDUALS ESCAPED.

3. POLICE REPORT THAT ABOUT 13 BOMBS WERE THROWN, BUT SOME FAILED TO IGNITE. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS SHOWS THAT THE BOMBS WERE MADE FROM A MIXTURE OF GASOLINE AND OIL WITH AN ACID IGNITER.

4. ONLY MINOR INJURIES AND DAMAGE RESULTED. TWO EMBASSY GUARDS WERE SHAKEN UP BUT RELEASED FOR DUTY AFTER MEDICAL EXAMINATION. POLICE REPORT THAT SEVEN OF THEIR GUARDS ASSIGNED TO EMBASSY WERE INJURED OF WHOM ONE MAY REQUIRE THREE WEEKS FOR RECOVERY. THERE WAS SOME MINOR DAMAGE TO EMBASSY ROOF, MOSTLY FROM IGNITER ACID.

5. POLICE HAVE STRENGTHENED SECURITY AROUND EMBASSY, EMBASSY ANNEX AMBASSADOR AND DCM RESIDENCES. THEY ARE ALSO PREPARING TO ASSIGN TEMPORARY DETACHMENT TO THE NEARBY EMBASSY APARTMENT COMPOUND. EMBASSY HAS TIGHTENED INTERNAL SECURITY MEASURES.

6. SOVIET EMBASSY WAS ATTACKED AT 1133 BY THREE MEMBERS OF SAME ORGANIZATION. ATTACKERS THREW SIX BOMBS AND MANAGED TO ENTER EMBASSY LOBBY, BREAKING WINDOWS AND OVERTURNING FURNITURE. FIVE EMBASSY PERSONNEL WERE INJURED SLIGHTLY IN THE MELEE. TWO OF THREE POLICE GUARD WERE ALSO INJURED, ONE WITH SERIOUS LEG BURNS. ATTACKERS WERE ARRESTED. PRIOR TO ATTACK THEY HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS DENOUNCING IMPERIALISM, SOCIALIST IMPERIALISM AND THE FORD VISIT.

7. POLICE REPORT THAT THEY FOUND BAG IN OKURA HOTEL CONTAINING MARUSEIDO LEAFLETS STATING OBJECTIVES OF RAIDS ON US AND SOVIET EMBASSIES: QTE CRUSH
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US-SOVIET SUMMIT MEETING, US IMPERIALISM AND SOVIET IMPERIALISM UNQTE.

8. DETAILED INFO ON THOSE ARRESTED WILL BE SENT SEPTEL.

9. AMBASSADOR UCHIDA, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL (FONOFF), CALLED ON AMBASSADOR TO EXPRESS OFFICIAL REGRET ABOUT INCIDENT.

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